



## **Coastival II – Yorkshire goes to the Seaside!**

### ***Media Release***

## ***Thought-provoking drama hits Coastival***

### ***Performance art at its best for festival***

**Two pieces of thought-provoking performance will provide something unique for visitors to Scarborough’s Coastival arts festival.**

Coastival Sunday will see two performances by Stacy Makishi at Hull University and one from Xanthe Gresham at Scarborough Library.

Hawaii-born performer Stacy Makishi is presenting “Around the World in a Lunar Day” at 2pm at Hull University’s Scarborough Campus. It is described as “an upliftingly sad and gut-wrenchingly funny love story”.

The performance is said to “with great compassion and oddball humour, reveal the idiosyncrasies, vulnerability, longing and odd logic that governs our lives”.

The same artist will then present “There’s a Hole in my Heart That Goes all the Way to China” at the same venue at 4pm.

This piece is described as "A performance that mines the mysterious caverns of the human heart".

Xanthe Gresham crosses the boundaries between storytelling, one-woman show and theatre. At Coastival she is presenting a double bill, Isis and Hecate, at Scarborough Library from 7pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Isis takes a look at the comedy and sadness of breaking up a relationship and setting out on a single life. Hecate claims to have the answers to How do you cure an addiction to sex? and How do you crack the soul's pin code? In it Xanthe combines storytelling, poetry and mythology.

Coastival organiser Wendy Clews said: "The performances by Stacy and Xanthe will be little gems in Coastival and we are very fortunate to have them as part of the event.

"Both are popular, established performers with fantastic national reputations and this is an excellent opportunity for people in Scarborough to enjoy their spellbinding storytelling - definitely not to be missed."

Tickets are on sale for all three performances at the venues or via [www.coastival.com](http://www.coastival.com) The performances by Stacy Makishi are £3 each or £5 for both. Tickets for the Xanthe Gresham performance are £5. Coastival runs from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February and will feature more than 100 attractions, many of them free.

Events range from music headliners Levellers and 17Hippies to comedy from Count Arthur Strong, Shappi Khorsandi and Jon Richardson, world music, jazz and a vast array of other attractions, events and installations, as well as events for children in Rollercoastival. An Essential Guide is available giving full details of all the acts, events and attractions that will feature. It is on sale now for just £2 (£1 when bought with tickets online).

The Essential Guide is available from Scarborough Library, the Tourist Information Centres, Woodend Creative Industries Centre, Scarborough Arts Gallery, The Rotunda, MOJO's music café and also by contacting Coastival on 01723 384545 or via [www.coastival.com](http://www.coastival.com) or by email at [info@coastival.com](mailto:info@coastival.com)

Website visitors can also sign up to receive the latest updates on Coastival during the build-up to the festival.

You can also sign up to follow Coastival on twitter via <http://twitter.com/#!/coastival> or join the fun on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/group.php?gid=32161078693> or by searching for Coastival from within Facebook.

In 2009 a total of more than 9,000 people attended the 96 events that were held during the first ever Coastival, bringing an estimated £175,000 boost to the local economy at a quiet time of the year.

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